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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS KS MO

SUBJ: SALE OF KOREAN MANUFACTURED M-16 RIFLES TO MOROCCO

REF: SEOUL 5260

1. FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, WE SUPPORT SALE OF KOREAN M-16 RIFLES TO MOROCCO. SALE WOULD FIT IN WELL WITH OUR POLICY OF ENCOURAGING THE MOROCCANS TO LOOK TO OTHER FRIENDLY SOURCES FOR PROCUREMENT AND FINANCING OF ARMS. MOROCCO, OF COURSE, ALREADY HAS A SMALL NUMBER OF M-16'S.

2. M-16 TRANSACTION COULD AT LEAST marginally AFFECT BROADER QUESTION OF GOM RELATIONS WITH ROK AND DFRK. WE GATHER FROM KOREAN CHARGE IN RABAT THAT ROKG IS CONCERNED OVER RELATIONSHIP WITH MOROCCO OVER LONGER TERM. CHARGE EXPRESSED VIEW TO EMBOFF AUG 14 THAT GOM'S FUTURE ATTITUDE WILL BE LINKED TO GREAT EXTENT TO BENEFITS ROK CAN PROVIDE TO MOROCCO CAOMPARED WITH WHAT NORTH KOREANS ABLE AND WILLING TO OFFER. CHARGE BELIEVES MOROCCANS WERE ON VERGE OF GRANTING DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO NORTH KOREA LAST YEAR BUT PULLED BACK AT LAST MOMENT FROM THIS MOVE. CHARGE EXPECTS THAT NORTH KOREAN PROBES WILL PERSIST, AND GOM'S CONCERN FOR NON-ALIGNED IMAGE WILL LEAD MOROCCO AT VERY SECRET

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LEAST TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE NORTH KOREAN EMISSARIES WHEN

THEY ASK TO COME HERE.

3. WHATEVER THE FINAL DECISION TAKEN ON M-16'S, WE HOPE  
THIS MATTER CAN BE HANDLED IN SUCH WAY AS TO AVOID DAMAGE  
TO US-MOROCCAN RELATIONS. SUCH DAMAGE COULD WELL RESULT IF  
GOM GETS IDEA THAT USG IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BLOCKING  
MOROCCAN ACQUISITION OF M-16'S FROM ROKG. GOM WOULD FIND  
SUCH ACTION ON OUR PART HARD TO RECONCILE WITH WHAT IT UNDER-  
STANDS TO BE OUR INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO COOPERATE BILATERALLY  
IN EFFORT TO MODERNIZE ITS ARMED FORCES.  
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